

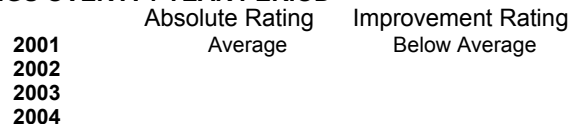
**ABSOLUTE RATING:** Average

**IMPROVEMENT RATING:** Below Average

Number of Elementary schools with students like ours: 93.

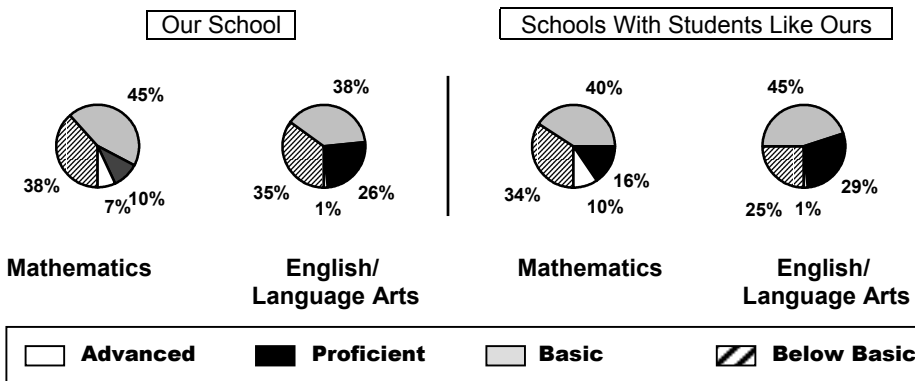
The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

## RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

## PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



## DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on the 2004 School Report Card. Social studies scores are to be reported on the 2005 School Report Card.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
<b>All students (n=157)</b>	65	61.8	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=11)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=146)	65.1	60.3		
<b>Gender</b>				
Male (n=74)	59.5	62.2		
Female (n=83)	69.9	61.4		
<b>Ethnic Group</b>				
African American (n=48)	50	56.3		
Hispanic (n=2)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=107)	72.9	64.5		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
<b>Lunch Status Group</b>				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=96)	56.3	54.2		
Pay for lunch (n=59)	79.7	72.9		

## SCHOOL PROFILE

### INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,777	N/A	\$5,196	\$5,347
• Prime instructional time	89%	Down from 90.4%	90.1%	90.2%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	15 to 1	N/A	18.3 to 1	18.7 to 1
<b>STUDENTS (n=287)</b>				
• Attendance Rate	95.4%	Down from 95.7%	96%	96.2%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	5.7%	N/A	3.9%	4.1%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	7%	N/A	3.1%	3.1%
• First graders who attended full day kindergarten	93.6%	Down from 100%	96.7%	96.3%
• Meeting grade 1 and 2 readiness standards	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
• Retention rate	2.9%	Down from 6.6%	4%	3.6%
<b>TEACHERS (n=18)</b>				
• Professional Development days per teacher	11.6 Days	Up from 8.1	7.4 Days	7.6 days
• Attendance Rate	95.1%	Down from 96.3%	95.1%	95.1%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	50%	Up from 45.5%	45.2%	47.7%
• Continuing contract teachers	77.8%	Up from 77.3%	86.3%	83.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	0%	0.0%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	81.7%	Down from 86.1%	88.5%	87.2%
• Average teacher salary	\$36,080	Up 3.4%	\$37,134	\$37,520

## SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Elementary School
<b>SCHOOL</b>				
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	64.3%	N/A	65.6%	65.3%
• Principal's years at the school	2	N/A	4	4.0
• Parents attending conferences	90.4%	N/A	95.5%	95.6%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
<b>STUDENTS</b>				
• On academic plans	50%	Up from 46.8%	45.8%	43.1%
• On academic probation	6.8%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.1%	Up from 0%	1.3%	1.1%
• Suspended or expelled	2	N/A	1	1
• Gifted and talented	14.5%	Up from 11.5%	10%	11.5%
• With disabilities other than speech	7.5%	Up from 6%	8.5%	8.4%



## PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Whitmire Elementary continues to be an elementary school that places children and their learning as top priority. Our students, faculty, staff, parents and community work together everyday to ensure every child's success. We recognize that the children we teach today are the leaders of tomorrow. We believe that with our caring parents and our strong community, we provide a challenging academic environment that promotes positive learning, innovative instruction, and active participation, all of which we enhance with the arts. We truly enable our students to become productive members of our community and society, as well as lifelong learners.

At Whitmire Elementary, we are proud of our past accomplishments. Our most recent accomplishment was being accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Our faculty, staff, students and community worked diligently for over two years to prepare for our accreditation. WES has also received over \$65,000 in Title I funds this past year and over \$20,000 through various grants in the past four years. Our second grade MAT-7 scores have shown significant gains in both reading and math for the past four years. Our PACT scores have also increased in the English language arts and math, with fewer students scoring below basic. We house a state of the art television studio where students serve as the news anchors, directors, camera operators and TelePrompTers.

Whitmire Elementary has spent the past two years beautifying the school. Much work has been accomplished at WES in order to make it an inviting and friendly school to students, parents, faculty and community members. The lobby area of the school has been transformed into a wetland scene complete with fish pond and jungle noises. The front hallway is now the ocean, complete with a wade pool of what else - books! Plans are underway to transform the entire school into an inviting place where a true learning community will thrive. Whitmire Elementary is truly the best-kept secret in Newberry County! But, we believe it's time to let the secret out.

Mr. Heath Branham, Principal

### EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	95.2	88.2	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	95.2	88.2	
Satisfied with home-school relations	90.5	88.2	

### DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

**Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

**Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Whitmire Elementary  
2597 S.C. Highway 66  
Whitmire, S.C. 29178

Grades K-6 Elementary School

Enrollment: 287 Students

### Principal

Mr. Heath Branham 803-694-2320

### Superintendent

V. Keith Callicutt, Ph.D. 803-321-2600

### Board Chair

Mr. Lee Attaway 803-276-6112



## THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School  
Report Card

2001



School Grade:  
Average

### South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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